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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST - INTELLIGENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN THE DAILY NEWSPAPER,
THE JERUSALEM POST, FEBRUARY 14, 1977,
IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: QUOTE

DATELINE: KUWAIT. A PLOT TO BLOW UP SECRETARY
OF STATE CYRUS VANCE'S JETLINER WHEN
HE VISITS BEIRUT THIS WEEK HAS BEEN UNCOVERED
IN LEBANON, THE NEWSPAPER "AL-KABAS" REPORTED
HERE YESTERDAY. QUOTING TRAVELLERS FROM
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LEBANON, THE PAPER SAID THAT THE PLOTTERS,
MEMBERS OF THE DISSIDENT "BLACK JUNE" TERRORIST
GROUP, WERE ROUNDED UP BY MEMBERS OF FATAH AND
THE PRO-SYRIAN SA'EKA. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS-
PAPER, THE PLOTTERS HAD PLANNED THEIR ATTACK
FOR FRIDAY, WHEN VANCE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN
BEIRUT AS PART OF HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR. (BLACK

JUNE, ALIGNED WITH THE "REJECTION FRONT" OF PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, NAMES ITSELF AFTER THE MONTH IN 1976 WHEN SYRIAN FORCES INTERVENED IN LEBANON. IT STAGED ATTACKS LAST YEAR ON THE SEMIRAMIS HOTEL IN DAMASCUS AND THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN AMMAN, IN BOTH OF WHICH TROOPS STORMED THE HOTELS TO FREE HOSTAGES HELD BY THE TERRORISTS. THE STORY IN "AL-KABAS" IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CHANNELLED BY ARAFAT'S ASSOCIATES, WHO OBVIOUSLY WERE SEEKING TO BOLSTER THE PLO CHIEF'S "MODERATE" REPUTATION AND GIVE HIM "AN AMERICAN CREDIT." END QUOTE

2. AMERICAN AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SOURCES REPORT NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION ON ABOVE STORY.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, RABBI MEIR KAHANE ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON FEBRUARY 14 THAT HIS FOLLOWERS (JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE) WOULD DEMONSTRATE AGAINST SECRETARY VANCE IF KAHANE'S REQUEST TO MEET A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY IS NOT GRANTED. NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME REGARDING SIZE OR TIME OF THE THREATENED DEMONSTRATION. THE MOST PROBABLE SITE OF DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE KING DAVID HOTEL, JERUSALEM. DUNNIGAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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